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This is a reply to the Office Action mailed October 16, 2003 setting a three (3) month statutory period for response. A Petition for a one(1) month extension of time and the requisite fee are provided herewith. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record.

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**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.